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## **Snohomish County naturopath reaches settlement with state health officials**

**OLYMPIA** — Snohomish County Naturopathic physician John A. Catanzaro

(NATU.NT.00000769) has reached a settlement with state health officials to resolve charges against his license.

Catanzaro, whose license was suspended in January 2014, will remain suspended through at least Jan. 29, 2015. He will be on probation for at least eight years when his license is reinstated.

Catanzaro didn't follow appropriate protocol for implementing cancer research on people, and misrepresented to the Board of Naturopathy that he had the Federal Drug Administration approval required for experimental medications. He also failed to meet the standard of care by breaking applicable laws that govern safe and effective research on people. Catanzaro gave unapproved cancer vaccinations to cancer patients and didn't get approval from an institutional review board. In addition, he didn't properly keep and maintain patient records.

The statement of charges, summary action order, and settlement are available online by clicking "[Look up a health care provider](#)" on the [Department of Health website](#). Copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. That's also the number to call to file complaints against health care providers in Washington.

The Board of Naturopathy regulates naturopathic physicians in Washington. The program establishes, monitors, and enforces qualifications for licensing, consistent standards of practice, continuing competency mechanisms and discipline. Rules, policies and procedures promote the delivery of quality health care to state residents.

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